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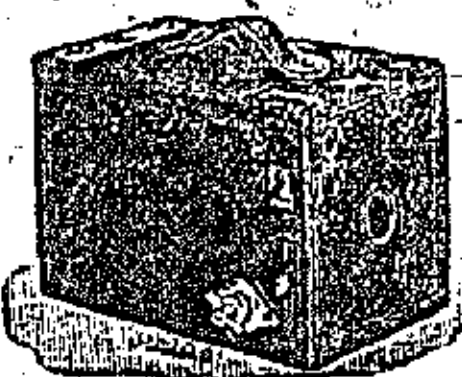
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On the 3rd August, at St. James' Church, Vancouver, B.C., by the Rev. T. Finnes Clinton, Percy Hosson, second son of the Rev. T. B. Hosson, of Whitley Range, Manchester, to Nellie Gertrude, only daughter of William Cowen, of Mosley, England.

DEATH.
On the 24th August, at 58-4, Bonocosa Street, Singapore, Petera Concorcio, late foreman to the Blacksmith Department of Kiley, Hargreaves & Co.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DEWEEUX ROAD, C.I.
LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.
HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 1904.

THE persistent holding out of General STROESSEL at Port Arthur long after prudence and military honour would seem to have demanded surrender is one of those features of the present war which to the onlooker accustomed to the ordinary amenities of civilised war would seem to demand some explanation. It is of course the fact, Russia was at the beginning so intent on her game of bluff, and so confident that Japan, following the example of her European contemporaries, would never have the cool judgment to question the hand of her opponent, that, over sanguine as to the result, she temporarily lost control of her mental faculties, and concluded that Japan, like herself, was only indulging in a professional flatter which, after the example of the game so characteristically abandoned by England, would, in view of the high stakes on the table, refuse to call, and leave a walk over to the other. That Japan alone of all the Powers should have seen through the very antiquated game being played by Russia seemed to that over-confident Power so incomprehensible that for the time she fairly "went off her chump," yet 'tis consonant with human nature; but that this condition of obfuscation should continue till now, more than six months after Japan accepted the challenge, is hardly consistent with ordinary sagacity. That in St. Petersburg, where gush and emotionalism are in-

mentarily in the ascendant, any folly, however criminal, should hold sway over the feeble conscience of the Tsar we may well imagine, but that the General in Command at Port Arthur, whose patronymic of STROESSEL seems to point him out as a Courlander, or at least of Teutonic descent, should acquiesce in so seemingly criminal a suggestion, seems incompatible with our ordinary ideas of Teutonic caution. It is true that the Tsar himself telegraphed to General STROESSEL that he would expect the garrison of Port Arthur to uphold the honour of Russian arms, but it is well to remember that the ROMANOFFS have ever proved but sorry lords, and have shown but little gratitude, especially when the recipient bears the dark stain of a Teutonic name. In this case it is well to recall a historic parallel. TODLEBEN, whose stoutly maintained in his heroic defence of Sebastopol the "honour" of Russian arms, won little reward for his exertions; he, a Russian though he was, had the similar misfortune to bear an unmistakable Teutonic appellation, and in consequence for the rest of his life, though his defence had won for him the admiration of the military world, was at home treated with studied neglect. Once, indeed, when the favoured at St. Petersburg had failed to make any impression on the Turkish lines of Plevna, he was recalled from obscurity to accomplish the task, but the work once accomplished the honours were distributed amongst others less worthy, and the great general left to sink into an unhonoured grave. So far the parallel is noteworthy; General STROESSEL has perhaps failed in one of the great requirements of a Russian General: he has not been the facile inventor of lying dispatches turning disgraceful defeats into brilliant victories, nor has he been participant in any "simple demonstrations," but has had to yield step by step before an army better trained, and, we may add, fighting for a better and holier cause. It would be well for him if it is too late to lay these things to heart.

Of course there is another view, and one that it is well that the Japanese generals entrusted with the conduct of the war should well ponder. It is no part of their scheme to cause unnecessary waste of human life, nor needlessly increase the sufferings incident to warfare. Such misdeeds may be consonant with Russian civilisation, or want of civilisation, for unfortunately their conduct of the war up to the present most nearly resembles that of a GENGRIZ KHAN, and casts a lurid light on the boasted culture of our modern Europe. Still, uncouth as are the ways of St. Petersburg, there may be some method in this seemingly useless waste of life at the doomed fortress. Autumn is now well on us, and in another three months field operations will become practically impossible. But winter, in the more southern regions of Liaotung impractical for warlike operations, is in northern Siberia a time adopted preferentially for travel. As long as active operations in the field are possible the number of troops possible to convey along the railway will at best do no more than supply vacancies due to the wear and tear of the war. In winter these conditions will be considerably altered. It is therefore quite within the range of possibilities that during the winter the balance of the troops in point of numbers may be considerably altered; and this, were it possible to stave off the surrender, might be considered to hold out a prospect of ultimate relief, and by engaging the Japanese troops elsewhere might eventually alter the result of the campaign. We do not, of course, wish to infer that such would be the consequence, but in warfare it is above all things essential to provide for every eventuality; and the continuance of the war over the winter, though probably not distasteful to Russia, who is above all fearful of being left to her own devices, would be in the last degree harmful, not only to Japan, but to all other Powers having relations with the Far East. Doubtless this would be bread and jam to Russia, but it is a condition which would not so favourably appeal to the other Powers—especially England and Japan.

Inspector W. L. Ford, of the Hongkong Police, yesterday completed the twenty-second year of his service in the Colony.

Since coolies are the chief beasts of traction in China, ought not motorists here to reckon their automobiles as of so many coolie power? In the case of some cars, this idiom would help the estimator.

The visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending 4th September, 1904, were 232 non-Chinese and 80 Chinese to the former, and 95 non-Chinese and 1,940 Chinese to the latter institution.

The tea shops in Peking all have notices posted up that the frequenters are to avoid the discussion of political questions, including the matter of coolies sent to South Africa.

A brief notice was recently discovered posted on the door of a Protestant native church in Taming-fu. It read: "Commencing with the 7th Moon, rise and kill the devils." Taming-fu is just within the Shantung border.

Mr. Peter Quincey, a graduate of the Hongkong Medical College, has been appointed to the medical staff of the coolie emigration department and leaves shortly on one of the transports for South Africa.

Mr. N. Paquet has arrived in Tientsin to take up the position of engineer in chief to the Mining Company at Tsingshan. Mr. Paquet has had much mining experience in Belgium, Serbia and Venezuela.

The *Ji-jin* learns from Yinkow that the Japanese are turning over all the Customs receipts to the Chinese Government, but the Russians are seizing all the money at the likin stations up country.

The cashier of Messrs. Hogan and Rose, Penang, has gone astray with \$10,535. He was given cheques for \$10,000 and \$535, and \$835 in notes. He cashed the former, taking \$8,000 in silver, presented the second cheque, but never went back for the money.

The acting governor of Hu-nan has sent 20 intelligent civil and military officers and others to Japan to study modern police methods, at the expense of the Government. The cost, about \$8,000, will be defrayed by the treasury of the province. The students left Chungking for Yokohama on the 16th ultimo. They will remain in Tokyo for two years.

Yu Tai, the Imperial Chinese Resident at Lhasa, telegraphed to the Peking Government that he had negotiated with the Mission satisfactorily and advised that, as the Dalai Lama had run away and his whereabouts had not been ascertained, the Dalai Lama should be dismissed from his position and an Imperial Decree to that effect should be issued.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethergate Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks donations of \$10 each from the following to the funds of the hospitals:—Po Tsung, I Un, Kung Hing, Fuk On, Cheung Kai Hing, Un Hing, Sai Yik, Pak Hing, Kwong Man, Ling, Sui Lung, Him Wo, On Tai, I Wo, Wing Lun On, Sui Hing, Kai Wing, and Kwong Un Shing.

Referring to the rise in Hunan of a new lot of "Boxers" this time called the "Orchidists" (Tai Yuan), the Linchingchow correspondent of the *N.C. Daily News* reports that all the missionaries have fled from the southernmost part of Chihli. He is not anti-missionary, so it is amusing to note that he describes the mission work thus: "active for three years past in acquiring property and winning converts."

Last week's plague return mentions three cases, all fatal, bringing the season's total to 493, of which 478 were fatal. There was another plague fatality in the 48 hours ending noon yesterday. Other communicable diseases recorded for the week are five cases of enteric. Two were European, imported from Amoy, one Japanese case from Canton; the other two were Portuguese and Chinese. One case ended fatally, probably the Chinese; but the return does not say.

It does not seem to be known here, says the *Singapore Free Press* of the 29th ult., what has become of the *Europa* mail of 5th August, on board the delayed M.M. steamer *Australien*. The following P. & O. was due at Aden on 22nd August. The *Australien* arrived there on 23rd, whether before or after the departure of the P. & O. we cannot say. It seems pretty clear that it arrives up to 12th August will reach here by P. & O. steamer before those of 5th August.

A member of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce wrote asking whether an exporting firm at Hongkong, when quoting C.F.I. Shanghai, includes, according to general usage and British law, the risk of war, and further whether, in the event of the goods not being so covered by him, and being lost or delayed from causes arising out of the existence of a state of war, the exporter is responsible. The reply was that it was a question of law, rather than of usage, and could not be answered by the Chamber.

The financial report and statements of the Straits Settlements for the year 1903 have been laid before the Council and published. The actual revenue of the Colony was \$7,958,496, and the actual expenditure \$8,185,737, a deficit of \$227,241, less than half the deficit calculated when the estimates were made up. This result is due to the large excess of revenue, and the non-completion of public works. Almost all the important sources of revenue show excesses, the post and telegraphs of \$138,002, the railway of \$95,485, and the land revenue of \$42,469 being the largest.

Viceroy Tsen Chunghuan is reported to have recently received a telegraphic advice from Laichow to the effect that on the 16th ult. the French authorities at Kwangchowang had written to the Prefect of Laichow that a French warship would proceed to Laichow for the purpose of surveying and making charts so as to facilitate navigation between Kwangchowang and Annam. On the 17th the warship arrived at Laichow and put the surveying pole on a height on Fenghuangshan and asked for due protection. Viceroy Tsen wired at once to the Waiwipin in the matter and instructed the Taotai and Prefect as well as the Bureau of Foreign Affairs to prevent the French surveying party from carrying out the survey.

TELEGRAMS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

GERMAN CROWN PRINCE
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LONDON, 5th September.
The betrothal is announced of the German Crown Prince to the Duchess Cecile of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.

GREAT FIRE AT GLASGOW.

LONDON, 5th September.
A great fire is raging at Henderson's yard, Glasgow.

Captain Barnes, of the 1st Chinese Regiment, has been appointed Transvaal Emigration Agent for Shantung.

The Viceroy of Szechuan has for some time been urging the opening of Chengtu as a commercial port and the matter is still under consideration in Peking.

A Chinese was caught by the Japanese recently in the act of conveying \$40,000 to the Russians in Liaoyang, the money presumably being some left behind in the flight from Newchwang. Needless to say it has not reached its intended destination.

At a conference held at Peking about ninety per cent. of the Protestant missionaries in North China signified their willingness to unite on the "term" question. This is an interesting conclusion to a heated controversy about the use of the terms, Shang Ti (God) and Sheng Ling (Holy Spirit).

A letter from the Sincawei Observatory of Commerce drew attention to the disastrous effects which have resulted elsewhere to delicate instruments from the proximity of a single trolley system of tramways, and urges that the community consider seriously whether they desire a system which will corrode their gas and water pipes, disturb their telephone lines, perhaps the time ball service, and render impossible a line of work which is recognised as having a considerable public interest.

The Russian Consul at Chefoo had erected a pole for wireless telegraphy on a small hill in the compound of Sietas and Co., a German firm, on the coast 25 Chinese li east of Chefoo. The Taotai had protested against it several times, but the protests had been ignored, and four or five Russians guarded it day and night to keep up communication with Port Arthur. The pole, however, was taken away yesterday afternoon and all the apparatus had also been removed. Wireless communication has now ceased.

The Shanghai *Eastern Times* is responsible for the following statement:—Viceroy Tsen Chunghuan of the Two Kwang Provinces, has appointed two officials to proceed to Hongkong to make arrangements for the shipping of a number of the Kwangsi rebels, who have surrendered, to South Africa to labour in the mines there. The Viceroy has a great number of ex-rebels on his hands, and expects to have a great many more before long, and he does not know properly what to do with them all. Hence the idea of getting them shipped to South Africa.

The *Peking* and *Tientsin Times* states that as a result of representations made to the home authorities, the following employees of the Imperial Chinese Railway Service have been awarded the China medal and clasp for 1900. Messrs. Kinder, C.M.G., Cox, Foley, Whitcombe, Griffith, Jamieson, McLelland, Clarke, Ploughman, Franklin, Moore, Rickerby, Sheriff, Wheeler, Dixon, Jr., Dr. Moorhead, Newmark, Roberts, Terris, and Tumbler. On the rim of the medal is inscribed the name of the recipient and the letters L.C.R. The medal was distributed from the head office a short time ago.

Owing to the great demand for fireworks for the various Imperial forces who are engaged in fighting against the insurgents in Kwangsi, says the *Tientsin Official Gazette*, the Viceroy of Liang-Kwang has ordered some sets of modern gun and rifle manufacturing machines from a well-known foreign firm for the use of the East and the West Armies, which, it is reported, will be shipped to Chung-yuan-jien in the near future, because the present buildings are rather exposed. Taotai Wang has been ordered by the Viceroy to proceed to that district to select a large piece of land for the purpose. The expense will be defrayed from the funds collected from the Government salt monopoly in Kwangtung.

The foreign residents of Japan who have not heard of Mr. John Hartley and his thirty years old complaint against the Japanese Government are few. Mr. Hartley, now in Shanghai, has sent us a book published by Kelly & Walsh, in which are bound together, all higgledy-piggledy, the letters, papers, newspaper cuttings, &c., which Mr. Hartley has accumulated during the quarter of a century he has nursed his grievance. We are all sorry for him, but there seems no doubt that Mr. Hartley did persist in importing opium against the wishes of the Japanese authorities. In fact, he admits it, and defends it; and in pestering everybody—the late Queen, the King, numerous Ministers and M.P.'s, Marquis Ito, the British Consul, &c., &c., Mr. Hartley has come to be a familiar figure, almost as much to be dreaded as to be pitied. Of course the thing has become a sort of habit, or mania, by this time; and his acquaintances may now avoid boredom at a cost of \$1.50, the sum charged for Mr. Hartley's brochure. Careful study of it will show that there was much to be said on both sides, for Mr. Hartley seems to have omitted nothing, even of the points that tell against him.

THE WAR.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

ANOTHER GREAT JAPANESE
VICTORY.

LONDON, 5th September.
It is reported from St. Petersburg that General Stackelberg's army has been completely destroyed.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]

A PUZZLING MESSAGE.

LONDON, 3rd September.
Reuters' correspondent in St. Petersburg wires that the telegram from Liaoyang is working regularly, and has never been interrupted.

The British fund for widows and families of Japanese soldiers and sailors now amounts to £20,000.

(From Northern Papers.)

PORT ARTHUR.

CHEFOO, 29th August.
Three native junks which left the vicinity of Laotiehshan in the afternoon of the 27th inst. came to Chefoo this morning and report:—

The Japanese army is stationed at Yangtaoyao on the west, at Sanliohiao on the north, at the rear of Chikwanshan on the east. There are no Russians on the Tangchia-shan, while the Japanese are building a fort at the hill on its north. The Russian fort at Hsiao-chang-kou (No. 5, three Chinese li north-east of Hsiao-chang-kou) had been destroyed by the Japanese. The only Russian fort complete in this direction is the one at two or three Chinese li east of Tai-pingchiao, namely, the No. 6 fort, as well as the fort at Laomochokoh.

There is enough flour, stored, but meat and vegetables are getting scarce.

At 8 a.m. of the 28th cannonading was heard for a time but soon stopped. A native junk while on the sea two or three miles off Port Arthur at about 8 p.m. of the 27th instant saw two native junks carrying provisions for Port Arthur sunk by Japanese torpedo-boats.

Another Chinese who left Laotiehshan on the 27th reports:—

In the morning of the 21st the Japanese attacked Umlungshan fort from Palichwang and ended in fighting with stones and seemed to have occupied the fort. However, on the 27th there were Russian soldiers there again, and it is presumed the fort had been recaptured by the Russians.

On the 28th instant over thirty cartloads of the killed were carried back from Palichwang by the Russians.

The Japanese had occupied a position four or five Chinese li from the north of the China Town at Hsiao-chang-kou, and destroyed two forts out of three. The forts at Suizyeying and Antushan are still intact.

CARRYING RUSSIAN CORPSES
TWENTY DAYS.

CHEFOO, 30th August.
A Chinese who left the vicinity of Laotiehshan on the afternoon of the 18th ultimo, reports:—

At midnight of the 26th instant it was raining when there was some severe fighting between the Russians at Nos. 5 and 6 forts, north-east of Tai-pingchiao, and the Japanese at Palichwang, which ended in the morning of the 27th. Though the Japanese did not advance yet the casualties on the side of the Russians were enormous. The native refugee was carrying the Russian corpses for twenty days and he was living at the time at the foot of the forts Nos. 5 and 6, namely about three Chinese li north-east of Tai-pingchiao. At the forts on Tsushan and Antushan artillery duels are continually going on. When the native refugee was at sea about ten Chinese li south of Laotiehshan yesterday morning (29th) he met five Japanese warships and five torpedo-boats and was examined by them. Another Chinese refugee who came here yesterday (29th) says that though the fort on Tsushan was destroyed yet the Russians are firing from the top of the mountain.—*Universal Gazette*.

THE "SOONGARI" AT NAGASAKI.

The steamer *Soongari*, which was sunk at Chemulpo at the time the Japanese engaged the *Varyug* and the *Koreet*, has been saved by the Mitsui Bishi Company, and brought to Nagasaki. Our contemporary the *Nagasaki Press* says:—The steamer certainly looks as though she had been in trouble. The whole of her sides are thickly coated with rust, and the few inches of the funnel which were never submerged is the only part of her retaining its ordinary appearance. Beyond the rust there are no evidences of external injury, but the interior of the vessel presents a sad spectacle. Fire, water, and mud have all left their traces, and give the impression that there is very little, if any, of the inside which would not require replacing, should it be decided to put her into sea-going trim once more. The Mitsui Bishi Dockyard and Engine Works have contracted their contract with the Japanese Government, which consisted in salting the vessel and bringing her to Nagasaki. Whether a new one will be entered into for her repair is not yet decided upon.

THE STRUGGLE AT PORT ARTHUR.

A recent Russian arrival from Port Arthur who held a good position there informed our representative (says the *Peking and Tientsin Times*) that the number of Japanese said to have been slain by the explosion of mines is not at all exaggerated. On one occasion two squadrons of cavalry were entirely annihilated with the exception of four men, who were wounded and placed in hospital. The Russian soldiers hold a very high opinion of the bravery of the Japanese, and the terrible carnage which they have witnessed in their attempts to capture the place is not received with exuberance at all by the Russian soldiers. The provisions in Port Arthur are sufficient for a long time yet. The Russian soldier is easily contented in the matter of food, and is satisfied to go a whole day on a piece of bread. They are quite confident of the ultimate issue, and place every reliance in General Stoessel and Smirnov. It is certain that if the Japanese ever effect a general assault, no quarter will be asked or given by either side. There are still a number of women and children at Port Arthur. The statement that Mrs. Stoessel and children went to Chefoo is a pure fabrication. There are a large number of Japanese wounded in the several hospitals, and they are receiving the same attention as the Russians. Our informant declined to state the number of troops in Port Arthur. He admits, however, that the Japanese will not be able to have a larger force in the firing line than the Russians, as the space will not admit of it. When the general assault takes place he says that the result will shock civilized nations, as the losses on both sides will be something terrible; and all the most gruesome part of war will result in the hand to hand conflict. General Stoessel's orders are, that not a fort is to be given up while a man is alive, and his instructions will be carried out. Every Russian soldier considers he has a sacred trust in defending the port. He disbelieves the statement that the Japanese have captured any of the forts—in fact, to use his own words, he said, "I am absolutely certain that such is not the case." He paid a very warm tribute to Mr. Lawton, of the *Daily Telegraph*, who with Mr. Marshall "saved" many lives among the sailors from the Russian torpedo-boat in Chefoo.

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

Mr. E. W. Mitchell, the indefatigable hon. secretary of the A.D.C., informs us that rehearsals of Stephenson's and Cellier's comic opera "Dorothy" have already commenced; the cast is not yet complete, but the following have accepted the parts as under:—

Dorothy Boutan. Mrs. Fullerton.
Lady Hamilton Mrs. Webb.
Phyllis Toppitt Mrs. Maitland.
Mrs. Prievel Mrs. Hall-Wright.
Geoffrey Wilder Mr. G. P. Lammert.
Harry Sherwood Capt. Smith, R.A.
Lurcher Mr. R. Sutherland.

Owing to the V.R.C. Aquatics Sports, the rehearsal called for Wednesday, 7th September, will not take place. The opera will be produced on or about 12th November. The A.D.C. are also preparing to put on "The Schoolmistress," by Pinero.

OFFICIAL REPORTS OF NAVAL
DAMAGE.

The following passage from a report by Viceroy Alexieff (now at Vladivostok) on the battle with Admiral Kamimura's squadron has reached Tokyo:—

"After an engagement with the Japanese squadron, the Vladivostok squadron was retreating northward, when the *Rurik* signalled that her steering gear was damaged. The other ships tried hard to rescue the *Rurik*, but her position being at last found to be hopeless, Admiral Essen ordered his squadron to retreat to Vladivostok. The *Gromovoi* and *Rossia* then proceeded north-west (2 north-east), keeping up a running fight which lasted for two hours. In this the two ships were damaged, the *Gromovoi* in particular, having her boilers and funnels very badly smashed. The *Rossia* received eleven shots below and about the waterline, and the *Gromovoi* six shots. Both ships lost half the number of officers and one quarter of their petty officers and men in killed or wounded. To be more definite, 135 were killed and 307 wounded. The two ships made temporary repairs and arrived at Vladivostok on the 16th instant."

The casualties of Admiral Kamimura's squadron in the naval battle on the 14th outside the Tushima Straits are given as follows:—
Iwate:—Killed, 2 officers, a first-class boatswain and 36 men. Wounded, 4 officers, a first-class boatswain, and 31 men.
Tsuno:—Killed, 3 men. Wounded, 2 men.
Nagatsuki:—Killed, 2 men. Wounded, 2 men.
Takachino:—Killed, 2 officers and 9 men.
Azuma:—Wounded, 7 men and 1 mess-boy.
Tobida:—Wounded, 2 men and 1 mess-boy.

CROWN LAND SALES.

At the Public Works Department yesterday Mr. L. C. Rees, Principal Land Surveyor, put up for sale by auction two lots of Crown land, Kowloon Island Lot No. 1,158, Austin Road and Kimberley Road, 16,945 square feet, with an annual rent of \$136, was sold for \$8,120 (\$80 above the upset price) to Captain Boyd, R.A. The other subject of sale was Inland Lot No. 1,721, near Shaikwan Road, Tsatstseui, 17,675 square feet in area, with an annual rental of \$142. It was exposed at an upset price of \$5,303 and was knocked down at \$5,323 to Mr. A. Essahby.

The top-hat is ugly, unhygienic, and embarrassing. Its sole claim to support is the appearance of respectability it gives. If only a few medical baronets would direct to their consultations in Panama and cloth caps they would break the tyranny of habit over the health and comeliness, and at the same time earn the undying gratitude of their humble conferees.

LOCAL SPORT.

V.R.C. AQUATICS.

President: H.E. Major Sir Matthew Nathan, R.E. K.C.M.G.
 Vice-President: H.E. Maj. Gen. Villiers
 Hon. Sec. C. B.
 Chairman: Mr. Arthur Chapman.
 Committee: Messrs. W. Armstrong, W. S. Bailey, G. A. Caldwell, C.H. Grace, W. G. Humphreys, E.M. Hazeldan, T. Meek, E. W. Mitchell and A. Rodger.
 Hon. Treasurer: Mr. R. H. B. Mitchell.
 Hon. Secretary: Mr. Harold C. Austin.
 Umpires: Messrs. E. W. Mitchell, W. S. Bailey, W. Armstrong, and T. Meek.
 Referee: Mr. Arthur Chapman.
 Starter: Messrs. Caldwell and Rodger.
 Handicappers: Messrs. T. Meek, A. Humphreys, J. H. R. Bance and H. C. Austin.
 Time-keepers: Messrs. E. M. Hazeldan and A. Humphreys.

Victoria Recreation Club yesterday afternoon held the opening day of their annual aquatic sports. The weather was beautiful, and attendance very fair. The Club premises were prettily decorated with bunting and Japanese lanterns. The temporarily erected stand was set off with a lining of red cloth, the whole making a very attractive picture for which Mr. C. Leslie, steward of the Club, was responsible. The Committee are to be congratulated on the general arrangements—that is in connection with the racing, providing launches, etc. To-day will be the second day of the Aquatic Sports; and to-morrow, on which ladies are invited to witness the finals, the third. An off day will be held on the 17th inst. The results of yesterday's races were:—

HALE-MILE OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIP.

Open to all comers. First prize presented

by Mr. A. Rodgers, 2nd by Mr. H. C. Austin.

Entries:—F. Penny, A. Longman, A. Humphreys, J. Mitchell, C. Humphreys, N. H. Alves, R. C. Wittell, C. J. Cooke, and A. V. Barros.

J. Mitchell, 10 sec.
 C. J. Cooke, 11 sec.
 A. V. Barros, 12 sec.

After two false starts the nine competitors

took to the water with one leap, swimming off

conveyed by two committee boats, in the direction

of a flag buoy, a quarter-mile distant. R.

Wittell and C. Humphreys gave up on the way

out. J. Mitchell came in several lengths in

front of the rest, and was applauded. Cooke

and Barros had a good fight for second place,

Cooke winning with a final spurt.

Time: 15 min. 56 sec.

ARMY, NAVY, POLICE.

Two longhairs. Post entries. Non-members.

Three prizes.

Fisher, 10 sec.
 Taylor, 11 sec.
 Seven faced the starter. Gunner Fisher,

R.G.A., just won the race by a touch, with

Pte. Taylor, R.M.L.I., second.

Time, 45 sec.

TWO-LENGTH HANDICAP.

First in each heat to swim in final. First

prize: presented by Mr. G. Murray Bain; 2nd:

presented. Starter.

1st Heat. 2nd Heat.

H. M. Bain, 10 sec. W. Andrews, 7 sec.

A. Mackie, 10 sec. H. P. Musso, 10 sec.

H. C. Sayer, 14 sec. E. Humphreys, 12 sec.

A. J. Rebois, 14 sec.

3rd Heat. 4th Heat.

O. R. Chumutt, 10 sec. H. C. Austin, 7 sec.

H. S. Kennett, 13 sec. J. R. Pereira, 11 sec.

A. V. Barros, 17 sec. A. Loureiro, 11 sec.

H. A. Lamert, 13 sec. N. H. Alves, 19 sec.

5th Heat. 6th Heat.

C. F. Ozorio, 10 sec. J. A. S. Alves, 11 sec.

J. H. R. Bance, 12 sec. C. Humphreys, 15 sec.

Mackie won the first heat, with Sayer close

up. In the second heat F. P. Musso was first;

Andrews and E. Humphreys had a dead heat

for second place. Kennett was first in Heat 3;

A. Loureiro in Heat 4; and C. Humphreys in

Heat 5.

BOYS' RACE.

Ten to 14 years. A two-length handicap.

Post entries. Sons and brothers of members

only. Two prizes.

Albert Ellis, 10 sec.
 H. Livesey, 11 sec.

There were three starters. H. Livesey, "go"

Arthur Ellis, and Albert Ellis, scratch. The

scratch man won, and the other two had a very

good race for second place.

Time: 1 min. 17 sec.

SWIM UNDER WATER.

The distance is calculated to the point where

the water is first broken by any part of the

body. First prize presented by Mr. W. B.

Dixon; 2nd: presented. Starter.

J. Mitchell, E. Humphreys, R. C. Wittell,

C. J. Cooke, J. H. R. Bance, F. M. Roza

Pereira, J. E. Ellis, J. M. Roza Pereira.

J. Mitchell, 141 ft. 9 in. 1

C. J. Cooke, 137 ft. 3 in. 2

E. H. Humphreys, 119 ft. 1 in. 3

Cooke in his first shot made a good swim;

but Wittell, in his second, excelled. E. Hum-

phreys might have done better had he not gone

astray.

VETERANS' RACE.

T. Meek, 6 sec.
 W. S. Bailey, 10 sec.
 R. W. White, 12 sec.

A two-length handicap. Open to competitors

over 35 years. Post entries. First prize:

presented by Mr. W. G. Humphreys, 2nd:

presented.

Meek, with his handicap, won easily.

Bailey fought a good battle with White for

second place.

Time: 54 sec.

TEAM RACE.—Four teams.

No. 1. No. 2.

R. C. Wittell (Capt.) J. Mitchell (Capt.)

E. A. Lamert H. C. Sayer

H. S. Kennett S. M. Gidley

A. Loureiro L. E. Lamert

W. G. Coggin E. Herbst

H. C. Austin F. P. Musso

E. Humphreys H. S. Bavan

G. B. Macdonald A. J. Mackie

POLICE COURT.

Monday, 5th September.

BEFORE MR. J. H. KEMP (SECOND POLICE MAGISTRATE).

A "TAKSANG" CASE.

Two Chinamen were charged with deserting

from the s.s. Taksang. The case was remanded.

ALLEGED ASSAULT.

A German was charged with, while drunk,

assaulting an Indian constable at Teimshatsut.

The case was remanded, bail being allowed in

the sum of \$25.

ILLICIT OPIUM.

Several fines were levied for unlawful

possession of illicit opium.

LOTTERY TICKETS.

A Chinaman was charged with unlawfully

selling Shan Lottery tickets. Mr. H. W. Looker,

solicitor, appeared for the defence. The case

was remanded.

COAL.

A Chinaman was sentenced to 15 days' hard

labour for unlawful possession of three hun-

dredweight of coal.

ASSAULT.

A Chinese woman was fined \$10 for wound-

ing another Chinese woman, kicking her in

the abdomen.

THE ASTOR HOUSE HOTEL CO., LD.

The third annual general meeting of this

Company was held at Shanghai on the 22nd

August. There were present Messrs. F.

Anderson and L. J. Cubitt (Directors), J.

Alston, J. O. P. Bland, C. R. Burkill, H. H.

Cunningham, R. S. Freeman, H. G. Gardner,

W. S. Jackson, E. J. Loureiro, A. R. Leake,

G. H. Thomson, H. Brown (Legal adviser) and

A. Levy (Secretary).

The CHAIRMAN: You will see that for the

first time we have published a profit and loss

account which gives details interesting to the

shareholders. In the balance-sheet for the

first time the land appears in the assets

and the debentures that we have issued

against it under the heading of liabilities.

The land of the company stands therein

at a figure which is very considerably

below its market value. The only other

item is that the stock of wines is very

much lower than it was. It was the opinion of

the directors that the stock was very much

greater than was necessary for the economical

working of the hotel, and therefore their policy

has been to reduce it, considerably. The new

buildings which were erected at the side of the

hotel were not open until November of last

year, whereas interest on the debentures issued

to pay for them began to be paid as early as

June, so that we were paying interest for five

months before we were in receipt of any revenue

from the new buildings. Last year there was

a cholera scare in the autumn which materially

reduced the revenue of the hotel; in fact, the

profits up to the 31st December last were very

little over \$12,000 owing to the falling off

in our receipts, and the great bulk of our

income has been made in the six months ending

30th June. This year we have had to suffer

from the effects of the war, inasmuch as it has

kept away a great many tourists and people

who, when passing through China, generally

stay here for some time. On the other hand

the loss of revenue under that head is made up

by the exceptional number of refugees who

came here on the declaration of war. The

Hankow part of our property has been most

unsatisfactory for a considerable time past.

The loss in the past two years came to close

upon \$15,000. We have kept it for five years,

and the terms on which we have done so are

that we lose about \$800 a year net rental, and

the directors have considered that it would be

advisable to write down the improvements of the

property at the rate of \$4,500 a year, which

will practically extinguish the amount under

that heading by the time our lease ex-

pires, so you may take it that the loss

which we provide for amounts to about

\$5,500 a year. We have entered into negotia-

tions for the disposal of the garden in the front

of the hotel. We were approached by a buyer

whose business will not in any way interfere

with the hotel. He can safeguard any question

of opposition either in the form of a hotel or

a boarding-house, but provided we get the sum

which we asked, we think there is no doubt

that it would be satisfactory to the property

of the company if the garden were sold. The

price we named was a fairly high one, but we

consider that the position is such that it is not

too high, and we settle the price after consulta-

tion with the trustees of the debenture holders.

Since the closing of the accounts, the revenue

has been more favourable than it was during

the same time last year. We are endeavouring

to effect certain economies in the working

of the hotel, and if we are successful in carry-

ing them out they should also make a

difference in the accounts.

The following resolutions were put to the

meeting and carried *unanimously*.

Proposed by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr.

L. J. CUBITT: That the report and accounts

as presented be passed.

Proposed by Mr. C. R. BURKILL, seconded

by Mr. R. S. FREEMAN: That the appoint-

ment of Mr. L. J. Cubitt as director be

confirmed.

Proposed by Mr. W. S. JACKSON, seconded

by Mr. R. S. FREEMAN: That Mr. F. C. Haffer

be re-elected a director of the company.

Proposed by Mr. H. GEARY GARDNER, se-

conded by Mr. J. ALSTON: That the appoint-

ment of Mr. Anderson as a director be

confirmed.

Proposed by Mr. R. S. FREEMAN, seconded

by Mr. C. R. BURKILL: That Messrs. A. K.

Leake and G. H. Thomson, chartered account-

ants, be re-elected auditors.

THE CHANGE OF CURRENCY IN THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

A Government Gazette "Extraordinary," issued in the Straits Settlements on the 24th ult., proclaims that the British, Mexican, and Hongkong dollars will cease to be legal currency throughout the Straits Settlements after Wednesday, the 31st August, and similar proclamations have been issued by the respective Governments of the various Malay States in the Federation. The announcement reads as follows:—

"Notice is hereby given that after the thirty-first day of August, 1904, British, Mexican and Hongkong Dollars will cease to be Legal Tender and will be no longer received by the Government or by any Public Department."

"The Treasuries and Sub-Treasuries will give Straits Dollars or Notes for the old Dollars being of full weight and unclipped, so far as their balances will permit, up to the date above mentioned."

"The notice is not extended, remarks the Straits Times, and will probably result in loss to various small holders of alien dollars, as well as considerable inconvenience to collectors, bankers and various other persons concerned. Why the final advice should have been so short, it is difficult to determine. Possibly, however, some reason other than a whim prompts this shortness of the period given by the authorities for the demonetisation of the various alien dollars now circulating in the Colony."

Mr. W. H. Frizell, Chairman of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce, and Manager of the Chartered Bank, considers the immediate change a very good thing, and an action conducive to the good of trade generally, by tending to strengthen the stability of the Straits dollar. Mr. Frizell has been urging upon Government the advisability of such action for some time past, and he thinks this a good time as any for the change. It had to come sooner or later, and as it is obviously for the benefit of the community, the sooner it is effected the better. He points out that no notice at all was required of Government as to the date on which the alien dollars were to be demonetised, and he considers that the week's notice now given is very fair. It is a concession that will prevent any hardship to traders generally being caused by the forced withdrawal of the outside dollars."

Mr. J. C. Nicholson, Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, is also of the opinion that the time is ripe for demonetisation; as at present silver has a downward tendency, which will consequently check any false rise in the face value of the dollar. The time given he considers sufficient for the business portion of the community, but he thinks that discretion must be used for outside people who will have little opportunity of knowing of the demonetisation. To avert this as much as possible, he thinks that it would be advisable to give the greatest publicity to the new ordinance and thus prevent speculators from taking advantage of the ignorant, who probably, on finding that only Straits dollars were legal tender, would sell their alien dollars to 'sharpers' for a little of their real value. He thinks that the new order will have a beneficial effect on trade, as business people will now know how they stand. If the ordinance against the importation of alien dollars into the colony were repealed as soon as the alien dollars cease to be legal currency, Mr. Nicholson is of the opinion that it would have a still more beneficial effect, as in the recent past—since the passing of the ordinance in question—dollars were smuggled in from outside ports to take advantage of the premium they possessed in Singapore, thus denuding of coinage the places where they came from, and thus causing much inconvenience. If the ordinance be repealed, the alien dollar will be in exactly the same position as the guilder.

Anxious and unlearned people, says the Free Press, are asking—What is the effect on exchange going to be? What are they going to fix the dollar at? The effect of currency changes cannot be predicted with the certainty that may be used as to the effects of prolonged visits to Monte Carlo or Johore. There are no result of the system is inevitable. We can only guess at the effects of currency changes. As regards exchange, the present step ought to produce no result, and probably will not. We shall go on just the same, until the demand for dollars leads someone to ask the Treasury for them. Then the answer will be "We will sell you a hundred for a draft on London for £10, or Ten Guineas, or whatever sum the Treasurer of the day thinks he can get. Then exchange will rise. Where it will stop, or when it will reach 2/7, no man knows; but it may be borne in mind that to raise the rupee in India to 1/4d. took seven years."

SHIPPING NOTES.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. steamer *Bengal* left Singapore for this port on the 4th Sept., at 11 a.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here on the 9th Sept., at about 6 a.m.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Shanghai at 4.30 a.m. on Sunday, the 4th Sept., and left again at 4 p.m. same day for Hongkong, where

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Hongkong, 6th September, 1904. 2171

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THE FOURTH MEETING of the above Club will be held at the Race Course on **SATURDAY**, the 10th October, 1904 (weather permitting).

GEO. K. HALL BRITTON, Hon. Secretary Gymkhana Club.
Hongkong, 6th September, 1904. 2162

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

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V. I. REMEDIOS, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 6th September, 1904. 2163

ALTERATION.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"THALES"

Captain Crowe, will be despatched for the above ports on **THURSDAY**, the 8th inst., at 11 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **DOUGLAS LARRAIK & CO.**, General Managers.

Hongkong, 6th September, 1904. 2164

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCOW.

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Hongkong, 6th September, 1904. 2165

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG and CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"ARRATON APCAR,"

Captain F. E. will be despatched for the above ports on **TUESDAY**, the 13th inst., at 3 p.m.

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Hongkong, 6th September, 1904. 2157

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON and STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods undelivered after the 11th inst., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 13th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 10th inst., at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD., Agents.
Hongkong, 5th September, 1904. 2158

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO, LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"BULYSEES"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 12th inst., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

MCGREGOR BROS. & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 5th September, 1904. 2159

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"PATROCLOS"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both cases it will be at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 7th inst.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 a.m. on the 12th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th inst., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 15th inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. **BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE**, Agents.

Hongkong, 5th September, 1904. 2161

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.

(Florio and Rabattino United Companies.)

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE

THE Steamship

"ISCHIA"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

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All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate obtained from the Godown Company, within seven days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 12th inst., will be subject to rent.

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Hongkong, 5th September, 1904. 2164

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INTIMATIONS.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

AQUATIC SPORTS 1904.

THE ANNUAL AQUATIC SPORTS will be held on the 6th, 7th and 17th September, in the CLUB ENCLOSURE, Austin Road, Kowloon. Sports commence on 5th and 6th at 4.30 p.m. and on 7th and 17th at 4 p.m. Sharp.

Admission for Gentlemen, non members, 50 cents each day. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform, half price.

Tickets for Admission may be obtained at the gate, or from the undersigned, care of Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.

The Secretary's Launch will leave Blake Pier on MONDAY and TUESDAY, the 5th and 6th, at 4.15 p.m. Sharp, and on WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, the 7th and 17th, at 3.45 p.m. Sharp, to convey spectators and competitors.

HAROLD C. AUSTEN, Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 30th August, 1904. 2111

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

AQUATIC SPORTS 1904.

THE COMMITTEE of the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB request the pleasure of the Company of the Ladies of Hongkong at the CLUB ENCLOSURE, Austin Road, Kowloon, on WEDNESDAY, 7th, and SATURDAY, 17th September, at 4 p.m. Sharp, on the occasion of the Annual Aquatic Sports.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. C. N. Watts and Officers, the Band of the 1st Bn. Sherwood Foresters will play select music during the afternoon.

HAROLD C. AUSTEN, Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 30th August, 1904. 2112

ROYAL ARTILLERY CONCERT.

AN OPEN AIR CONCERT will be given by the Royal Garrison Artillery in VICTORIA PARK, on THURSDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER, 1904, commencing at 8 p.m.

J. R. FAIRBAIRN, S.M. (W.O.) R.A., President of Concert Committee.
Hongkong, 5th September, 1904. 2154

GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

GOVERNMENT OF LABUAN.

REVENUE FARMS FOR 1905, 1906, 1907.

TENDERS will be received by the Secretary to the Governor, Sandakan, on or before the 15th November 1904, for the following Revenue Farms for the year 1905, or for the three years 1905, 1906, 1907.

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For particulars apply to Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Hongkong.

Hongkong, 27th August, 1904. 2084

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

CUSTOMS FARM 1905.

TENDERS are invited up to 12 Noon, 15th November, 1904, for the Customs Farm including the sole right to collect all Import and Export duties payable to Government exclusive of Import duties on Wines, Beer and Spirituous liquors which are farmed separately, and Export duty on Estate Tobacco, Timber, Cash, Minerals, Cutch and Manufactured products for the year 1905.

Tenders may be for the whole territory (exclusive of Province-Clarke) extending from Sepitong River in Padas Bay on the West Coast, to Honskap Point, Sibuko Bay on the East Coast, including all Bays, Rivers and Islands within the State, or for each separate district.

Each tender should state the monthly rent tendered.

This Farm is subject to the laws and regulations now in force or to any laws or regulations which may from time to time be enacted or issued by Government.

Any further information on the subject may be obtained from Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co., Hongkong, the Finance Commissioner, Sandakan, or from the Residents or Officers-in-Charge of the different districts or stations.

Tenders should be sealed and addressed to the Secretary to the Asst. Governor of British North Borneo.

Every tender must state the nature of the security to be offered, and which must be partly in cash, to be deposited in an approved Bank or partly in land and house property.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

Hongkong, 27th August, 1904. 2085

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Hongkong, 22nd August, 1904. 2054

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

WE have This Day admitted Mr. ALFREDO JORGE VIEIRA RIBEIRO a Partner in our Firm.

J. C. DOS REMEDIOS & CO.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1904. 2129

NOTICE.

DURING the Absence of Mr. J. H. DERBYSHIRE in America, Mr. FRED J. MAXEY, representative of the Singer Manufacturing Co. for Western and Northern China, will take charge of their interests in Hongkong and Southern China; and Mr. H. KEMPF will sign pro pro in Hongkong.

Any letters of importance or information can find Mr. MAXEY by being addressed to Hongkong or Shanghai, care of THE SINGER MANUFACTURING CO.
Hongkong, 5th September, 1904. 2155

AUCTION.

NOTICE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

FRIDAY the 16th SEPTEMBER, 1904, at 3 p.m., at their Office in Ice House Street,

THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

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The property will be sold subject to (a) a Mortgage dated the 27th January, 1903, made between Choy Chung of the one part and U Yan of the other part, registered at the Land Office by Memorial No. 34104 and to the principal sum of \$19,000 and interest and other moneys thereby secured (b) a Mortgage dated the 27th June, 1901, made between the said Choy Chung of the one part and Tam Man King of the other part and registered at the Land Office by Memorial No. 34115 and to the principal sum of \$20,000 and interest and other moneys thereby secured (c) an Equitable Charge dated the 22nd July, 1903, made between the said Choy Chung of the one part and Tam Kin of the other part and registered at the Land Office by Memorial No. 35436 and to the principal sum of \$2,000 and interest and other moneys thereby secured (d) a Mortgage dated the 5th June, 1901, made between the said Choy Chung of the one part and Lam Chot Tai of the other part and registered at the Land Office by Memorial No. 35775 and to the principal sum of \$17,000 and interest and other moneys thereby secured and (e) a Mortgage dated the 10th June, 1904, made between the said Choy Chung of the one part and Li Hing Wei of the other part and registered at the Land Office by Memorial No. 35799 and to the principal sum of \$10,000 and interest and other moneys thereby secured.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to—

Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers, or to Messrs. DEACON, LOOKER & DEACON, The Solicitors having the conduct of the sale, 10, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1904. 2127

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Hongkong, 3rd September, 1904. [214]

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F. G. ALLEN,

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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

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For Further Particulars, apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Building, First Floor, Chater Road.
A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.
Hongkong, 20th May, 1904. [1299]

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Hongkong, 13th June, 1903. [1473]

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WM. PARLANE, Manager.
Hongkong, 18th November, 1904. [175]

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PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING WEAVING & DYING COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, on SATURDAY, the 10th SEPTEMBER, at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Consulting Committee and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 10th SEPTEMBER, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 23rd August, 1904. [2070]

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, will be held at Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.'S OFFICES, Pedder Street, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 22nd day of SEPTEMBER, 1904, at 12.15 P.M., when the subjoined Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 31st day of August, 1904, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions.

1. That the Capital of the Company be increased from \$1,500,000 to \$4,000,000 by the creation of 10,000 new Shares of \$50 each.
2. That such new Shares be issued at a premium of \$30 per Share and be offered to the persons who are registered as Shareholders of the Company on 1st October, 1904, in the proportion of one new Share for every complete three Shares held by them on 1st October, 1904.
3. That the amount due for the new Shares be called up on 31st December, 1904.
Dated the 1st September, 1904.
By Order of the Board.
EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.
ISSUE OF 30,000 NEW SHARES OF \$10 EACH.

PURSUANT to Resolution the General Managers of A. S. Watson & Co., Limited, hereby invite applications from the Shareholders of the Company for the issue of 30,000 new shares of \$10 each at a Premium of 10 per cent. or \$11 a share.
Each Registered Shareholder on the 28th day of September, 1904, applying for the New Issue will be entitled to one share for every two shares registered in his name. Shares not applied for by those entitled to apply will be dealt with by the General Managers in accordance with Article 40 of the Company's Articles of Association.

Applications for Shares in the New Issue will be received by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in Hongkong from the 28th September, 1904, to the 30th September, 1904, both days inclusive, and the whole amount of \$11 per share will be payable on application. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 28th September, 1904, to the 8th October, 1904, both days inclusive.

The present paid-up Capital of the Company is \$800,000, divided into 80,000 shares of \$10 each, and the New Issue is required to increase the Capital of the Company to \$900,000 divided into 90,000 shares of \$10 each.

The whole of the premium received from the New Issue will be placed to the credit of the Permanent Reserve Fund.
The New Issue will rank for Dividend for the three months ending 31st December, 1904, payable in May, 1905.

Forms of application for the New Issue can be obtained at the Company's Offices in Alexandra Buildings, or at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in Hongkong, Shanghai, and London.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 22nd June, 1904. [1546]

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REPORT OF AN EXPERT.
The representative of Messrs. BRATBY and HINGLIFFE, LIMITED, Aerated Water Engineers and Chemists, Manchester, visited our factory recently in the course of a tour amongst Eastern Aerated Water Makers, and was greatly surprised at the compactness of our factory and also the methodical way in which everything pertaining to the making of Aerated Waters was carried out. He also expressed himself strongly on the absolute cleanliness of our whole establishment, which he assured us was equal to any he had yet visited and superior to a great many. He also reported that the quality of our goods was of a first-class nature, and they showed that scrupulous care was exercised in the course of their manufacture.
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F. P. DANENBERG,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 11th May, 1904. [122]

THE OPENING OF CHANGSHA.

Changsha, the heart of conservatism and anti-foreign envy, hatred, malice and all uncharitableness, is to be opened to foreign trade, and Viceroys Wei Kuang-tao, as Superintendent of Southern Trade, has drawn up a certain code of rules on which international trade should be conducted there.

1.—This Trading centre being opened voluntarily by China will be entirely under the administration of Chinese officials specially appointed for the post.

2.—A Chinese Municipal Council will be organized after the pattern of foreign settlements, but entirely under Chinese control.

3.—All land purchases and other business will be conducted by the President of this Council without foreign interference. The Council will draw up regulations in regard to building of houses, godowns and other premises within the selected area, and no straw huts or wooden houses must be constructed by either Chinese or foreigners, unless by special permission. No one will be allowed to store explosives on their premises under penalty of fine.

4.—All persons of whatever nationality shall be under the protection and control of the Chinese Government in accordance with treaty stipulations; and a police force shall be organized by the President of the Council in conjunction with the Commissioner of Customs.

5.—All roads and public works will be undertaken by the Council, and to meet these expenses a duty of 2 per cent. will be levied on all import and export duties paid by both foreigners and Chinese.

6.—In order to facilitate intercourse between the Chinese authorities and foreigners, the foreign Consuls and the Commissioner of Customs may select a foreign merchant or resident who pays more than \$20 in taxes to the Council, to take part in the Chinese conferences on matters of importance.

7.—In order to facilitate trade, foreign merchants will be allowed to rent or purchase portions of the river foreshore and erect wharfs for landing and discharging cargo, but they must in no way interfere on any of the public thoroughfares, and any extension of their premises must be provided for well in advance, so that the authorities may reserve 10 feet or more of adjacent land against public requirements.

8.—In order to avoid disputes no one will be allowed to purchase or occupy more than 250 English feet of land on the river front, otherwise the demands of all cannot be met, and \$15 per acre per annum will be charged as land tax to foreigners and Chinese alike.

9.—No buildings can be erected on the foreshore without permission being first obtained from the Chinese authorities.

10.—The Chinese Government is willing to administer the settlements in accordance with the most modern and advanced methods, the lease being for 50 years from date of opening. The foreign Consuls and Commissioner of Customs are invited to make known their ideas on the subject, and if found feasible their suggestions will be adopted.

We give these regulations, which illustrate the great distinction drawn by China between Treaty Ports and Trading Centres which she voluntarily opens, and to open which there is an increasing tendency we notice. Several memorials have recently gone up to the Throne urging the opening of this place and that, and at first glance the tendency appears a rather satisfactory one. But closer investigation lessens the charm, and one recognizes in the movement the finely shaved narrow end of the wedge of Chinese jurisdiction. The close of the present war will, it goes without saying, see numerous places thrown open to international trade in Manchuria and elsewhere, but Viceroys Wei's basis of operations will not be far from workable or beneficial, either to foreign commercial interests, or eventually to China's own.

NANKING WATER SUPPLY.
Huang Chien-kuan, Provincial Treasurer of Kiangning, or the Northern half of Kiangsu province, has ordered from the United States a complete plant for the purpose of digging artesian wells inside the city of Nanking to provide pure drinking water for the inhabitants, who suffer every year from sickness and epidemics through lack of pure, fresh drinking water and being compelled to make use of water in stagnant ponds and from narrow, filthy canals within the city walls. Previous to his Excellency Huang's taking over the seals of the Kiangning or Nanking Treasuryship, officials ignorant of the true state of affairs advocated waterworks without taking into account the difficulty of providing the millions of feet needed for such a huge and important work. It was natural therefore that this and other equally extravagant and fallacious—under the circumstances—schemes fell through of their own accord. With the present Provincial Treasurer's arrival in Nanking, however, his Excellency made use of his knowledge of things foreign and the long experience he had had of Western affairs while in Tientsin, and at once took up the all-important question of sanitation and the provision of pure drinking water for the people of Nanking. Economy being of the first importance owing to the lack of money in this province, his Excellency decided that what Nanking needed was artesian wells, and having made it also apparent to Viceroys Wei Kuang-tao, it was decided to purchase a complete set of machinery from America to bore the necessary wells, and this plant we now hear is well on its way from the States. After inaugurating this reform, his Excellency will start further innovations for the benefit of the people under his care. His Excellency Huang Chien-kuan is well known to the foreign community of Tientsin, where he was an official in various capacities, from manager of the China Merchants' there to Tientsin Customs Tsutai (1881 to 1900), and it is not an exaggeration to state that while in that northern port he was one of the most popular and enlightened mandarins there. The Supreme Government in Peking also know his Excellency's worth, and it is quite probable that we will see him Governor of a province in a short time from now.

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THINGS AND THE MAN.
And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it
his brethren; and they hated him yet the more
—Genesis xxxvii., 5.
Oh ye who hold the written clue
To all save all unwritten things,
And, half a league behind, pursue
The accomplished Fact with flouts and flings
Look! To your knee your holy brings
The oldest tale since Earth began—
The answer to your worrings
"Once on a time there was a man."

He singlehanded met and threw
Magicians, Amies, Ogres, Kings.
He lonely 'mid his doubting crew
In all the loneliness of things,
He faced the fiend, he filled the springs.
He looked the marks, he launched the van
Straight at the grinning Tooth of Things.
Once on a time there was a man.

The peace of shocked Foundations flew
Before his ribald questionings.
He broke the Oracles in two,
And bared the pally-wives and strings
He bared desert wanderings:
He led his soul, his cause, his clan
A little from the Buck of Things.
Once on a time there was a man.

Thrones, Powers, Dominions block the view
With episodes and underlings.
The mock Historian deems them true
Nor heeds the song that Clio sings—
The simple central truth that stings
The mob to boo, the priest to ban:
Things never yet created things—
Once on a time there was a man.

A bolt is fallen from the blue.
A wakened realm full circle swings
Where Dathan's dreamt dreams anew
Of vast and farborne harvestings;
And unto him an Empire clings
That grips the purpose of his plan.
My Lords, how think you of these things?
Once on a time there was a man?

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have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods
remaining undelivered after the 9th inst., will
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August and Shanghai 30th, Mails and
General.—Toyo Kisen Kaisha.

ANDERSON RICKMERS, German str., 1,020, H.
Kohn, 1st Sept.—Bangkok 26th August,
Rice, Wood and General.—Butterfield and
Swire.

ATAKA, British str., 2,392, J. Park, 18th Aug.—
New York 25th June, Petroleum.—
Standard Oil Co.

BINH-THUAN, French str., 933, R. Lagane,
Kutehimotu 6th August, Coal.—Bradley
& Co.

BORG, Norwegian str., 732, N. C. M. theissen, 1st
September.—Bangkok 25th August, Rice.
—Chinese.

BORNEO, German str., 2,165, E. Muhle, 23rd
August.—Sandakan 18th August, Timber
and General.—Melchers & Co.

BREID, Norwegian str., 642, J. Falkman, 24th
August.—Saigon 23rd August, Rice and
Flour.—Chinese.

CHIEHL, British str., 1,041, Geo. Hooker, 4th
Sept.—Canton 3rd September, General.—
Butterfield & Swire.

CHINA, American str., 5,180, D. E. Frielo, 3rd
September.—San Francisco 6th Aug. and
Shanghai 31st, Mails and General.—P. M.
S. S. Co.

CHUNSHANG, British str., 1,416, R. Cox, 26th
August.—Saigon 21st August, Rice.—
Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CLARA JENSEN, German str., 1,103, J. Bendixen,
26th August.—Mojil 18th August, Coals.—
Osaka Shosen Kaisha.

CRANLEY, British str., 2,903, W. E. Steele,
22nd August.—Yokohama 14th August,
General.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

GABA, Norwegian str., 625, H. Dahl, 26th
August.—Rajang 17th August, Timber.—
Chinese.

HOISERIN, German str., 935, J. C. Hansen,
29th August.—Hole 26th August, Sugar.—
Jebson & Co.

INKUM, British str., 3,100, F. Pearce, 27th
August.—Sasebo 25th August, Ballast.—
Gibb, Livingston & Co.

ISCHIA, Italian str., 2,734, Magazzini Dante, 3rd
Sept.—Bombay 18th August and Singapore
25th, General.—Carlowitz & Co.

KORAT, German str., 1,998, H. Hirbner, 16th
August.—Singapore 26th July, and Bang-
kok 9th August, General.—Norddeutscher
Lloyd.

KUMSANG, British str., 2,077, E. J. Buller, 24th
August.—Calcutta and Singapore 23rd
August, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

LOKANG, British str., 989, F. Wheeler, 3rd Sep-
tember.—Bangkok 27th August, General.—
Jardine, Matheson & Co.

LOTIAN, British str., 3,222, J. C. Williamson,
4th August.—Salinga Cruz 30th June.—
China Commercial S. S. Co.

LYERMOOY, German str., 1,338, Th. Lehmann,
3rd Sept.—Canton 2nd Sept., General.—
Schmussen & Co.

NANSHAN, British str., 1,297, E. F. Stovall,
26th August.—Bangkok 18th August,
Rice.—Bradley & Co.

ONSANG, British str., 1,878, J. T. Davies, 29th
August.—Mojil 23rd August, General.—
Jardine, Matheson & Co.

PALAMCOTTA, British str., 2,235, E. H. Garl-
win, 1st September.—Calcutta via Rangoon
and Straits 12th August, General.—Jar-
dine, Matheson & Co.

PETCHABURI, German str., 1,373, G. Hillmann,
3rd Sept.—Bangkok 24th August, via
Hollow 2nd Sept., General.—Butterfield &
Swire.

PROMETHEUS, Norwegian str., 1,024, H. Lavi-
bryggen, 21st August.—Bangkok 14th
August, Rice.—Chinese.

QUANGNAM, French str., 710, Jean Vidal, 17th
August.—Saigon via Haiphong 10th Aug.,
General.—Bradley & Co.

ROEHAMPTON, British str., 1,391, Jackson, 5th
August.—Venice 26th June, Oil.—Stand-
ard Oil Co.

SHANTUNG, British str., 1,837, J. Marnoch,
8th August.—Java ports 30th July,
General.—Butterfield & Swire.

SHAWHEW, American str., 9,606, Smith, 22nd
August.—Yokohama 18th July, General.—
Dodwell & Co.

SIKH, British str., 3,216, James Rowley, 5th
July.—New York 4th May, General.—
Dodwell & Co.

SIMONGAN, Dutch str., 1,202, J. Van Fol, 27th
August.—Samarang 14th August, Sugar
and Sundry.—Chinese.

TAIWAN, British str., 1,109, H. Harder, 4th
Sept.—Canton 3rd September, General.—
Butterfield & Swire.

TAKSANG, British str., 977, W. P. Baker, 1st
September.—Bangkok 25th August, Rice.
—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

TAKING, British str., 1,325, Pennyfather, 4th
Sept.—Manila 3rd Sept., General.—
Butterfield & Swire.

TANGLIN, German str., 1,230, F. Leuss, 29th
August.—Bangkok (Kohsichang) 22nd
August, General and Rice.—Butterfield &
Swire.

TELEMACHUS, British str., 4,800, J. N. Good-

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The *Langkat*, with the English mail of the 10th ult., left Singapore on Sunday, the 4th inst., at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 9th inst. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 12th July.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Carleton	Kinshan	Tuesday, 6th, 7.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Borneo	Tuesday, 6th, 8.00 A.M.
Amoy	Thales	Tuesday, 6th, 9.00 A.M.
Bangkok	Simangan	Tuesday, 6th, 10.00 A.M.
Takao	Clara Josen	Tuesday, 6th, 10.00 A.M.
Tamnet	Holstein	Tuesday, 6th, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow and Ebat ghai	Taiwan	Tuesday, 6th, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Meefoo	Tuesday, 6th, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow, Chefoo and Tientsin	Chihli	Tuesday, 6th, 10.00 A.M.

Europe, &c., India via Tutuicoria.
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail)

Macao	Heungshen	Tuesday, 6th, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Andalusia	Tuesday, 6th, 1.15 P.M.
Samsui, Shikung, Takking and Wuchow	Kongkwa	Tuesday, 6th, 4.00 P.M.
Kobe	Mayaan Maru	Tuesday, 6th, 5.00 P.M.
Hankow	Carl Diederichsen	Tuesday, 6th, 5.00 P.M.
Namtu	Takshan	Tuesday, 6th, 5.00 P.M.
Sanbu	Hofu	Tuesday, 6th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Wingchui	Tuesday, 6th, 5.00 P.M.
Kongmoon and Kamechuk	Linton	Tuesday, 6th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Patsan	Tuesday, 6th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Poon	Wednesday, 7th, 7.30 A.M.
Macao	Heungshen	Wednesday, 7th, 1.15 P.M.
Shanghai	Takshan	Wednesday, 7th, 4.00 P.M.
Manila	Takshan	Wednesday, 7th, 4.00 P.M.
Namtu	Takshan	Wednesday, 7th, 5.00 P.M.
Sanbu	Hofu	Wednesday, 7th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Wingchui	Wednesday, 7th, 5.00 P.M.
Kongmoon, Kamechuk and Samsui	Takshan	Wednesday, 7th, 5.00 P.M.
Kongmoon	Hongkong	Wednesday, 7th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Fatsan	Thursday, 8th, 7.30 A.M.
Canton	Providence	Thursday, 8th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Haitan	Thursday, 8th, 10.00 A.M.

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKO-
HAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO.
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

Macao	Heungshen	Thursday, 8th, 1.15 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Kongkwa	Thursday, 8th, 4.00 P.M.
Samsui, Shikung, Takking and Wuchow	Takshan	Thursday, 8th, 5.00 P.M.
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Sanbu	Wingchui	Thursday, 8th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Linton	Thursday, 8th, 5.00 P.M.
Kongmoon and Kamechuk	Hankow	Thursday, 8th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Hankow	Friday, 9th, 7.30 A.M.
Canton	Heungshen	Friday, 9th, 1.15 P.M.
Macao	Kaitung	Friday, 9th, 4.00 P.M.
Cebu and Hilo	Kinshan	Friday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Takshan	Friday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.
Namtu	Hofu	Friday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.
Sanbu	Wingchui	Friday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Hankow	Saturday, 10th, 7.30 A.M.
Canton	Hankow	Saturday, 10th, 7.30 A.M.
Durban, East London, Port Elizabeth, and Capetown	Ischia	Saturday, 10th, 10.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Bombay	Ischia	Saturday, 10th, 10.00 A.M.

TO DAY.
Annual Aquatic Sports, Club Enclosure.
Astin Road, Kowloon, 4.30 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

ON LONDON.	5th September.
Telegraphic Transfer	1.01
Bank Bills, on demand	1.02
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1.03
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1.04
Credits, at 4 months' sight	1.05
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight	1.06

ON PARIS.	29th
Bank Bills, on demand	29.34
Credits, at 4 months' sight	29.32

ON GERMANY.	18th
On demand	18.5

ON NEW YORK.	4th
Bank Bills, on demand	44.1
Credits, 60 days' sight	44.4

ON BOMBAY.	13th
Telegraphic Transfer	13.54
Bank, on demand	13.53

ON CALCUTTA.	13th
Telegraphic Transfer	13.54
Bank, on demand	13.53

ON SHANGHAI.	7th
Bank, at sight	7.18
Private, 30 days' sight	7.21

ON YOKOHAMA.	On demand
On demand	8.84

ON MANILA.	On demand
On demand	10.84

ON BATAVIA.	On demand
On demand	13.54

ON HATYONG.	On demand
On demand	13.54

ON SAIGON.	On demand
On demand	13.54

ON BANGKOK.	Bank's Buying Rate
Bank's Buying Rate	\$10.95

ON SOERABAYA.	Bank's Buying Rate
Bank's Buying Rate	\$57.70

ON SINGAPORE.	Bank's Buying Rate
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JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 5th September.

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
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Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	\$60.
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Nat. Bank of China	\$25	\$50, sales
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A. Shaws	\$25	\$89, sales
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H. Shaws	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Poon, Shares	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Hou's Asbestos E. A. 125	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Canton-Hongkong Ice	\$25	\$10, nominal
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Campbell, Moore & Co.	\$25	\$10, buyers
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China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	\$25	\$11, buyers
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China Light and	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Power Co., Ltd.	\$25	\$10, buyers
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China Paper, L. & M.	\$25	\$10, buyers
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China Sugar	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Cigar Companies	\$25	\$10, buyers
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A. Hambro, Ltd.	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Philippine Co., Ltd.	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Cotton Mills	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Ewo	\$25	\$10, buyers
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International	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Laon Kung Mow	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Soyabean	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Hongkong	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Dairy Farm	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Everick & Co., Geo.	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Green Island Cement	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Hongkong & C. Gas	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Hongkong Electric	\$25	\$10, buyers
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H. H. L. Tramways	\$25	\$10, buyers
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H. H. L. Water	\$25	\$10, buyers
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H. H. L. Co., Ltd.	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Hongkong Hotel	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Hongkong Ice	\$25	\$10, buyers
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H. & K. Wharf & G.	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Hongkong Rope	\$25	\$10, buyers
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H. & W. Dock	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Insurance	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Canton	\$25	\$10, buyers
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China Finance	\$25	\$10, buyers
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China Traders	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Hongkong Fire	\$25	\$10, buyers
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North China	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Union	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Yankee	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Land and Building	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Hongkong Land Inv.	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Humphreys & Co.	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Kowloon Land & B.	\$25	\$10, buyers
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West Point Building	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Shanghai Land	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Luzon Sugar	\$25	\$10, buyers
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China Finance	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Charbonnages	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Kanbun	\$25	\$10, buyers
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New Amoy Dock	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Poyan, Ltd.	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Steamship	\$25	\$10, buyers
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China and Japan	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Douglas Steamship	\$25	\$10, buyers
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H. H. L. Canton and S.	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Indo-China S. N.	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Shel Transport	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Trading Co., Ltd.	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Do, Preference	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Star Ferry	\$25	\$10, buyers
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S. C. F. Boyd & Co., Ltd.	\$25	\$10, buyers
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S. & H. Eyring	\$25	\$10, buyers
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S. China Morning Post	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Tetrau Planting Co.	\$25	\$10, buyers
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United Asbestos	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Do	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Watkins, Ltd.	\$25	\$10, buyers
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Watson & Co., A.S.	\$25	\$10, buyers
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West Laundry Co., Ltd.	\$25	\$10, buyers
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